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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE AND COMMENTS ON EXAMINER'S REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

In response to the Notice of Allowance mailed October 10, 2008, attached are a completed issue fee transmittal form PTOL-85b, and an Amendment After Allowance Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.312.

Applicants recognize that in accordance with M.P.E.P. § 1302.14, the Examiner's reasons for allowance need not set forth all of the details as to why the claims are allowed. In the above-referenced application, Applicants do not concede that the Examiner's stated reasons for allowance are the only reasons for which the claims are allowable. Moreover, the claims are patentable based on their actual language, and Applicants expressly note that the Examiner's stated reasons do not, in all instances, track the actual claim language. For example, the Examiner mentioned "instance score" with respect to claim 13, even though claim 13 does not recite "instance score." In addition, claims may be patentable based on the inventive combination of all of the recited claim elements.

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